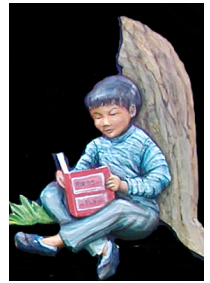


GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

March 30, 2015

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Dear Families,

We are on the cusp of a new month- and supposedly a new season! Yet the signs of spring we've been eagerly anticipating have yet to arrive. Fortunately, our students continue to come to school with enough positive energy to carry us through.

Our youngest learners have been enjoying visits from local author April Prince Jones, and preparing their own pieces for publication. Soon our older students will get the chance to meet Loree Burns, a writer famous for her nonfiction work. Thanks to our PTO for sponsoring both special guests.

Writing is a distinct subject all its own, and yet it's a unique aspect of the curriculum in that it shows up as a thread through all others. You can encourage your children to write for a variety of purposes at home, too. One idea you might try is to encourage your child to write a letter. Increasingly, letters are seen as a way to express an opinion or to make an effective argument. If there's a topic your child feels strongly about, encourage him or her to write to someone. Not sure where to begin? You can find lots of articles that may spark an interest in the *Time for Kids* or *National Geographic* articles that come home via the backpack.

Happy writing!

Sincerely,

Amy

Important Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday	March 31- Math PARCC for Grade 3 Special State Election
Wednesday & Thursday	April 1 & 2 PARCC GR. 4 Math
Monday	April 6, Report Cards go home
Friday	April 10 Spring Fling & Bookfair, 5:30 & 7 pm
Thursday	April 16, PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media

Center

Friday

April 17 Bookfair ends

Monday

April 20-24 Spring Vacation

Friday

Town Election

May 8 School Store

Monday

May 11 GR 3 PARCC ELA

Tuesday

May 12 GR 4 PARCC ELA

Thursday

May 21 PTO 7 pm in the media Center

Friday

May 22 last School Store

Monday

May 25 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL

PARCC Assessment Dates (PARCC replaces MCAS starting this year.)

Grade 4

Math

April 1 and April 2

Please note End of Year Assessment dates as well:

Grade 3

English Language Arts

May 11

Math

May 13 and May 14

Grade 4

English Language Arts

May 12

Math

May 18 and May 19

FYI

1. Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run

Who is up for the challenge of participating in the Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5k/Fun Run?? Both the mile race and the 5K race start at 12pm on Sunday, April 12th at Oak Middle School. The registration form is on the SPS website. For more information, visit:

www.shrewsburyroadscholars.org Hope to see you there!

2. 4th Grade Parents, please note: Completion Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 9:30